

How things are in 2024

Right now things are bad and good. It depends on who you ask. Personally, I think things can be better. While we are probably at the most prosperous and peaceful we have ever been as a species, we are also at our most wasteful. We have exponentially more resources than we need in order to make sure everyone lives a *respectable* life, and yet so many people do not. The problem is greed; concentrated wealth. It's a cultural problem that I feel may also be a trait of our current species. At every end of the spectrum, people are under the impression that they *deserve* more regardless of whoever has less. You have people complaining that the rich do not pay their fair share (and they do not), but those same people complaining are extremely reluctant to do anything in their power to mitigate the issue beyond complaining. How do rich people get rich? How do they stay rich? By taking in more than they give out. It really is that simple. These people complaining about the wealthy are also addicted and dependent upon what makes those people wealthy. It's a culture, a state of being. You can only praise people for spending their money, never criticize them for it; to do so would be a fate worse than death in the social sphere. And that's by design. Could you imagine a world where it was more socially acceptable to save money than to spend it? Well, maybe the disparity in wealth wouldn't be what it is today. Maybe we would be taking steps to reduce it rather than expand it. But we can't have that. Those same people complaining about the wealthy doing nothing but looking out for themselves also do nothing but look out for themselves. It's a completely foreign concept for someone making a decent wage to live beneath their means so that others may have more. It's a foreign concept to reduce prices and accept a modest lifestyle so that others may have more. At every end of the spectrum, it's about screwing people over as hard as possible while making them think they're getting a good deal. This is a problem. It's a cultural issue that needs to change. Until it does, misery among the masses will only get worse.